

REMARKS

The present application was filed on October 17, 2003 with claims 1-25. Claims 26-29 were added in an Amendment dated March 21, 2005. In response to a Restriction Requirement dated November 3, 2004, claims 17-21 were withdrawn from consideration. In the outstanding Office Action dated June 8, 2005, the Examiner has: (i) rejected claim 29 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2004/0222461 to Peyre-Lavigne et al. (hereinafter "Peyre-Lavigne"); and (ii) indicated that claims 1-7, 9-16 and 22-28 are allowed.

In this response, claim 29 has been canceled without prejudice, and therefore the §102(e) rejection of claim 29 is rendered moot. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that claims 1-7, 9-16 and 22-28, which are currently pending in the application, are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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